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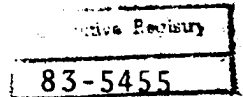
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Interagency Group No. 9

TO : OVP - Mr. Donald P. Gregg
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SUBJECT: Report of CBW Arms Control IG

Attached is a copy of the summary report of the
November 8 meeting of the Chemical and Biological Weapons
(CBW) Arms Control IG.

for *Pommet*
for Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

As stated.

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PM briefed the IG on the status of the Working Group's efforts on the CW Verification Study. The IG was informed that all sections of the study had now been completed in draft and circulated for interagency comment. The IG was also told that the Working Group had met November 7 to review the study, and that no further major revisions were judged necessary. PM agreed to incorporate agencies' comments into a revised draft and recirculate the study next week for final Working Group review and clearance. An IG meeting to receive the study could then be held after Thanksgiving.

ACDA briefed the IG on the CW Verification Workshop the U.S. is hosting for CD members out at the Chemical Agent Munition Disposal System (CAMDS) at Tooele Army Depot, Utah. The purpose of the Workshop is to demonstrate the way in which the verification arrangements proposed by the US in the CD negotiations on a CW ban would work and why they are required. The Workshop is also intended to demonstrate the seriousness of the US commitment to CW arms control, and US openness and willingness to allow foreign representatives to visit a US chemical facility and witness the destruction of actual CW munitions.

ACDA briefed the IG on the status of efforts to convene a special meeting of parties to strengthen the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BWC). It was noted that several meetings had been held with the British and Swedes in an attempt to make arrangements for the meeting. It was also noted that the British had recently expressed concerns about whether the US had some specific improvements in mind to offer at the meeting. The Chair emphasized the importance of getting on with internal USG substantive preparations; ACDA said that interagency papers on specific measures for strengthening the BWC, that had been prepared pursuant to NSDD-18, would be updated and recirculated interagency in the next few weeks.

At the end of the meeting, and on the basis of a suggestion from ACDA, it was agreed that ACDA and PM would prepare a brief paper on a possible U.S. strategy on the problem of proliferation of CW. A recent intelligence item concerning Soviet advances in the area of bio-technology was also discussed briefly.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

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